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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Masaaki Higashitani, et al.

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For: NROM CELL WITH N-LESS CHANNEL

Group Art Unit: 2812

Examiner: Booth, Richard A.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed January 24, 2003, the Examiner has stated that the present Patent Application contains claims directed to two distinct inventions; Invention I and Invention II. Specifically, the Examiner contends that the first invention, Invention I, is represented by Claims 1-4 and 28-32 and is drawn to an EPROM device, classified in class 257, subclass 316. The Examiner further contends that the second invention, Invention II, is represented by Claims 5-27 and is drawn to a method of making an EPROM, classified in class 438, subclass 257. As such, the Examiner has required Applicants to elect an invention for prosecution on the merits.